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MINUTES

ELEVATOR STUDY COMMISSION

1 ASHBURTON PLACE, BOSTON, DPS CONFERENCE ROOM 1301

FEBRUARY 20, 2015 10:00AM

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Gatzunis at 10:05AM followed by introductions:

Board Members Present

Anne Powers
Thomas Gatzunis
Walter Zalenski
Jeffrey Handibode
George Ramian
Alexander MacLeod
Edward Slein
Jeffrey Halley
Neil Mullane

Board Members Absent

Doug Cullington

DPS Staff Present

Deirde Hosler, DPS Deputy General Counsel
Jean McCarthy, DPS Program Coordinator

Guests Present

David Gaudet, Boston University

2. Introductions- Members of the Commission introduced themselves and who they represent.
3. Approval of Minutes-Motion to approve the minutes of January 21, 2015 by Chief Zalenski, seconded by Anne Powers with one small change to Theresa McEachern's name. Motion was approved by unanimous decision.
4. Civil Fines-Proposed changes to 520 CMR 1.0 and 16.00 were distributed to the Commission and will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Re-inspections-Chief Zalenski proposed that DPS could reduce the number of re-inspections if there was a system in place that would allow for a Licensed Elevator Mechanic to sign off on the repair. Neil Mullane suggested that the Contractor could sign off as opposed to the Licensed Elevator Mechanic. Jeff Halley suggested that a secondary Licensed Elevator Mechanic could sign off on the repair. Neil Mullane stated he will provide information from other jurisdictions at the next meeting.
6. 30 day vs. 90 day Temporary Certificates for new installations-Previously new installations at construction sites were issued a 90 day temporary certificate, now DPS only issues a 30 day temporary certificate. There is a conflict in the code regarding limited certificate of compliance and the number of days for a temporary certificate. The Commission through the Chief of Elevator Inspections will bring matter to the Board of Elevator Regulations and the Chief will report back to Commission on their determination.
7. Inspection Frequency-Chief Zalenski suggested certain units could be inspected every two years instead of every year. Motion was made by Alexander MacLeod to approve Wheel Chair Lifts, Limited Use Limited Access Elevators, Dumb Waiters and Casket Lifts for every two years. Seconded by Jeffrey Halley. All in favor 8-1 Jeffrey Handibode opposed.
8. Code Update-Board of Elevator Regulations about to do first read of recommendations from A17 committee in April. They hope to vote on the code changes in May. The Elevator Study Commission should have their recommendations to the Board of Elevator Regulations before they vote.
9. Schedule next meeting-The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2015 at 10:00am.
10. Adjourn-Motion to adjourn by Alexander Macleod, Seconded by Chief Zalenski. All in favor 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:50am.

List of Documents/Exhibits used at this meeting

Agenda

Minutes from January 21, 2015

Information from Neil Mullane on Civil Fines etc. and supporting documentation

520 CMR 1.00

520 CMR 16.00

PowerPoint Presentation-Elevator Frequency/Fees by floor

Elevator Re-Inspections